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Front Cover: *Masquerade on stage during Trinidad and Tobago Carnival celebration 2010.*

Photo: *Donald Michael Chambers*

PASSPORT OUTREACH PROJECT

London Passport Unit goes to Germany

During the period **26 May 2010 to 28 May 2010**, Nationals of Trinidad and Tobago resident in Germany will be able to submit applications for Machine Readable Passports at the Office of the **Honorary Consul for the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, Hamburg**. The mobile passport units are also planned for Norway and Sweden later this year.

The address of the Office in Hamburg is as follows:-

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Fax: 040 220 6756
Email: tnt.consulate@hamburg.de

- The office will be open to the public during the hours 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on the above mentioned dates.
- All applicants for the Machine Readable Passports must appear in person as photographs are captured on site.
- Kindly note that original supporting documents together with copies and the completed passport application form are required for the submission of an application. **The application form must not be folded.**

Application forms and instructions for same can be accessed via the website of the Trinidad and Tobago High Commission, London, or the Immigration Department website, respectively listed hereunder:

www.tthighcommission.co.uk
www.immigration.gov.tt

The following passport fees are to be paid by cash only :

Ordinary Passports (32 pages): €48
Business Passports (48 pages): €60
Child under two years - No charge

The processing time for the passport is approximately twelve (12) weeks from the date of submission of your application.

Kindly adhere to the instructions and submit all required supporting documents.

LANDMARK DEAL

T&T's Gayelle TV broadcasts in United Kingdom and Europe

A new era in local televison began when Trinidad and Tobago's television station, Gayelle, made a major breakthrough in the media world and signed an agreement with OBE TV in the United Kingdom.

The historic initative was signed at the Trinidad and Tobago High Commission in London on March 2, 2010. Gayelle's CEO, Mr. Errol Fabien and OBE TV's CEO, Mr. Bernard Ampaw were the two men who put pen to paper to seal the deal.

The African and Caribbean community in Europe will see the representation of both Diaspora, in this bold, new forum on SKY Cable TV, channel 195. This venture also serves to represent a business model that at its core, will act as a catalyst to forge community unity in a modern, multiethnic society.

Both Networks are leaders in their respective communities and have worked to promote and represent the voice of their people on the world stage. The OBE Channel is an established voice of the African community in the UK, based in Harrow Middlesex, and on March 18, 2010, Gayelle The Channel opened its European studios and Headquarters in the UK in Northamptonshire. Mr. Fabien, said, "I fell in love with the people in this county (UK) while working on one of our projects in January 2010 and we decided that this was the place to set up our state of the art studio."

OBE TV and Gayelle both pride themselves on being youth driven and family orientated. Together, they intend to have a strong programme schedule that reflects this shared focus. The network will command the attention of 28million households in the European region and will devote its resources to bringing the best of both communities to audiences here in Europe.

Miss Gail Guy, Acting High Commissioner for Trinidad and Tobago in London, presided over the ceremony which also included participation by the Mayor of Brent, Councillor Jim O'Sullivan, Mayor of Haringey, Councillor Bernice Vernier and the Ghana High Commission's Minister of Information, Miss Zuwera Ibrahimah. Members of staff at the Trinidad and Tobago High Commission who were in attendance included First Secretary, Miss Roanna Gopaul, Public Affairs Attaché, Mr. Ashton Ford and Commercial Attaché, Miss Dionne Ligoure, among others.

01: *Errol Fabien shakes hands with OBETV's CEO, Bernard Ampaw after he signed the contract. Looking on is Councillor Jim O'Sullivan.* **02**: *Acting High Commissioner for Trinidad and Tobago, Ms. Gail Guy presides over the ceremony.* **03:** *(far left) London based Trinibagonian actress, Ms. Martina Laird and OBE Tv's reporter Ms. Savannah Nightingale are on hand to congratulate Errol Fabien and Gayelle.* **Photos:** *Donald Michael Chambers*

Statement of Condolence on the passing of Rex Nettleford

The Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago, the Hon. Patrick Manning and the Government and people of Trinidad and Tobago, recently mourned the passing of Caribbean academic and cultural luminary, (Professor) Ralston Milton "Rex" Nettleford.

Professor Nettleford was widely accepted as one of the most prolific social anthropologists in the region, known especially for his contribution to a ground-breaking study on Rastafarianism with UWI colleagues in 1963. Professor Nettleford made other contributions to the region through the pursuit of a profound understanding of the Caribbean experience in academia and through the founding of the National Dance Theatre Company of Jamaica.

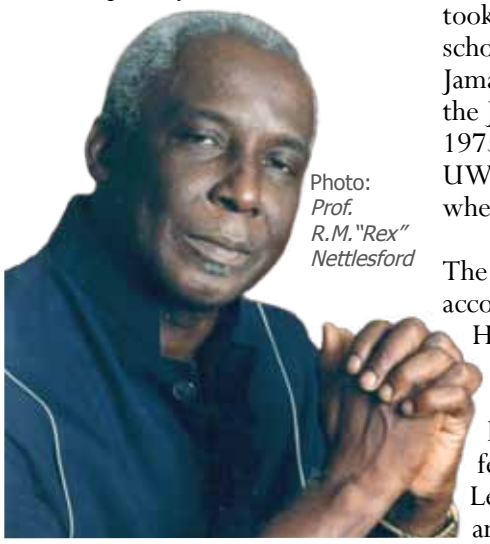

Photo: *Prof. R.M."Rex" Nettlesford*

His scholarly credentials are underpinned by his having been awarded a Rhodes Scholarship to Oxford University in 1957; he took over the direction of the UWI school of continuing studies in Jamaica in 1968; he was awarded the Jamaica Order of Merit in 1975; and he went on to become UWI Vice Chancellor in 1996, where he held office until 2004.

The body of his literary accomplishment is vast and potent. He shared his expertise with his Caribbean colleagues for many years by touring the region and holding court with students and fellow academics alike (Paige de Léon Manager, Communications and Media Relations, Office of the Prime Minister, said that she herself had the pleasure of learning from him when he presented a discourse to persons gathered for the Eric Williams Memorial Lecture series at the Central Bank Auditorium in 2007/2008).

The region has lost one of its gifted sons. As an innovator of the arts Professor Nettleford also used his talent to spread Caribbean dance and song across the world. He was a true Caribbean scholar whose contribution will be greatly missed by us all. We are saddened by his passing and the void, which his absence will create in so many areas of Caribbean life.

The Government and people of Trinidad and Tobago offer condolences and prayers to family and friends of Professor "Rex"Nettleford and do wish most sincerely that his legacy of hard work, dedication and an enduring Caribbean spirit lives on for many generations to come.

Prime Minister Manning offers sympathy to Chile in the face of massive earthquake

The Hon.Patrick Manning, Prime Minister, on behalf of the Government and the people of Trinidad and Tobago, expressd his deepest regret and sympathy at the tragic earthquake which struck the Republic of Chile. The severe magnitude 8.8 quake struck Chile near to its second largest city Concepcion at around 3.30 am on 27th February 2010.

The Prime Minister contacted President Michelle Bachelet to convey the sadness of the people of Trinidad and Tobago and to offer his support. President Michelle Bachelet was in Trinidad and Tobago days before the earthquake to hold bilateral talks with the Government of Trinidad and Tobago. At a joint news conference held with the Prime Minister at the Diplomatic Centre, one of the items discussed was Chile's recent efforts to improve their disaster preparedness in the wake of the January 12th Haiti Earthquake.

Trinidad and Tobago had, at that time indicated that it would do well to learn some lessons from Chile in this area. At this time, of great sorrow for the people of that country we can only hope that those measures which were put in place by President Bachelet and her Government have borne fruit, and that as many lives as possible would have been saved.

The Prime Minister and his government continue to monitor the situation in Chile very closely as more details become available and will inform the public as is appropriate about what steps are to be taken.

Yorke and Lara visit London school on Commonwealth Day 2010

Yorke, Lara mobbed at Trinity School Croydon, South London

Trinidad and Tobago sporting ambassadors, Brian Lara and Dwight Yorke, visited Trinity School Croydon, South London, to mark Commonwealth Day on 8th March 2010.

Brian Lara is widely regarded as one of the greatest batsmen of all time, holding the record for the highest individual scores in Test and first class cricket. Former Manchester United great, Dwight Yorke, also played for Aston Villa, Blackburn Rovers, Birmingham City, Sydney FC and Sunderland in his illustrious career. He was also captain of Trinidad and Tobago, his national team.

At Trinity, the pair conducted cricket and soccer clinics with boys from the school and talked to them about their respective sporting careers and their roles as sports leaders.

The legendary West Indian cricketer and the former Manchester United star and international footballer, represented Trinidad and Tobago to mark the Day, which is celebrated worldwide on the second Monday in March each year.

Later that evening Mr. Yorke and Mr. Lara joined the Honourable Patrick Manning. Prime Minister of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, the Chair-in-Office of the Commonwealth, at a reception in the presence of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II - Head of the Commonwealth - at Marlborough House, the Commonwealth Secretariat's Headquarters.

The Haiti Relief Effort

At the First Quarterly meeting of the Caribbean Diaspora, held at the Trinidad and Tobago High Commission (TTHC) London, trustees of the charity, The United Haitians in the United Kingdom (UHUK), Kathy Johnson and Nancy Pinthieve delivered updates on the conditions in Haiti, following the disastrous earthquake on 19th January 2010. UHUK is the only registered Haitian charity in the United Kingdom.

It was reported, that the 7.0 earthquake which devastated Haiti claimed more than 212,000 lives and injured a further 300,000. Confiming precise numbers in Haiti was affecteced given the circumstances. Quoting from other government and non-government sources, Kathy Johnson said that United States Agency for International Development estimates that 3 million people were affected by the earthquake and that 700,000 in Port-au-Prince were displaced.

She said there were hundreds more agencies around the world that have offered their help to Haiti and have been working directly with grassroots organisations on the ground since the earthquake on January 12th.

The United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA) revealed that more than 2.3 million people have received food aid from the World Food Programme and their partners, and that more than 10,300 mosquito nets, 23,000 family tents, 26,500 kitchen sets and 79,500 blankets have been distributed. At the time of the UNOCHA report ,more than 900,00 people had access to safe drinking water, which Ms Johnson stated, fell short of the goal of providing water to 1.1 million.

Whilst addressing the gathering Kathy Johnson outlined that the long term goal of UHUK is "to educate, empower and create a safe environment" for the Haitian children's future. She pleaded for continued support from Caribbean governments in the long task of rebuilding Haiti.

T&T firms donate to Haitian rescue mission

Concerned citizens and businesses of Trinidad and Tobago have donated about TT$200,000 to the local Charlotte Street based charity for Haiti - Is There Not A Cause (ITNAC). Co-ordinator/missionary Christopher Joseph said that the organisation was grateful for the outpouring of monetary donations and gifts for the people of Haiti. Joseph said, "We have had to convert some of the monies to buy food in the Dominican Republic. We received hundreds of cases of water, canned foods, can openers and tonnes of clothing…We have Haiti T-shirts at $60. (and)We received a cheque of $10,000 from a major organisation."

He gave the good samaritans the assurance their monies would go toward Haiti. "We have always been working to alleviate poverty and misery in Haiti. We are hurt that their plight has been intensified," he said. Another local Christian station - Acts 25 - embarked upon a drive and raised $237,000 in funds for Haiti. The humanitarian effort was done in collaboration with ITNAC and Citadel.

> He called upon the nation to remember Haitians and the ITNAC team in their prayers.

ITNAC team in Haiti

ITNAC team of seventy six, whilst staying in Haiti, set up two medical clinics and began their outreach feeding programmes. Haiti needs all hands on deck since Port-au-Prince was destroyed in the aftermath of an earthquake that struck on Tuesday 19th January. It left a trail of destruction in which about 200,000 Haitians were killed. From Trinidad, the team flew to the Dominican Republic and drove for six hours across the border to get to Haiti. According to Joseph upon their arrival, some persons in Haiti indicated that they had never seen a doctor in their life.

10,000 NGOs

Joseph noted that Haiti was home to 10,000 Non Governmental Organisations (NGOs). "These 10,000 NGOs bear the brunt of what the government would have dealt with. When a disaster hits, it further compounds the response." He said that the infrastructure was chief among the issues to be addressed at the beginning of the rebuiding process. Despite their unfortunate circumstances, Joseph said that the Haitian spirit was indomitable. He called upon his fellow Trinibagonians to remember Haitians and the ITNAC team in their prayers.

Caribbean Airlines Limited records $34 M profit

STATE-OWNED Caribbean Airlines Limited (CAL) last year made a US$34 million profit, which is a turnaround from a US$117 million loss suffered in 2007, according to the Consolidated Financial Statements (2009) laid in the Senate on 2nd February, 2010.

The profit was made last year due to the revenues of $1.456 billion exceeding the expenses of US$1.423 billion. In contrast, 2007 saw the airline's costs of US$1.133 billion exceed its revenues of US$1.109 billion, even as CAL was then also burdened with US$160 million in restructuring and transitional costs.

Last year's US$34 million profit served to reduce CAL's accumulated deficit from US$117 million in 2007 to a current deficit of US$83 million.

The report put CAL's equity value at US$1.942 billion, a slight fall from $1.956 billion in 2007.

The notes to the statements showed CAL had bought US$50 million in aircraft spares/parts last year, and US$177 million in 2007. The notes also said CAL was last year owed US$269 million from BWIA and the Government, while the amount in 2007 was US$589 million.

Tobago's First Single Estate **Chocolate Bar!**

It has been a long road for Trinbagonian Duane Dove, filled with many exciting projects along the way. He is today Sweden's only cocoa farmer and a member of the Swedish Agricultural Association (LRF).

A qualified sommelier since 1999, Duane has pioneered the appreciation of fine rum in Sweden. He assembled over several years an unrivalled rum collection at Sjögräs restaurant in Stockholm. Building upon the restaurant's original assortment of 84 varieties, Sjögräs today boasts of having more than 311 different rums on its shelves, encompassing everything from 30-year-old rum to vintages/ distilled brands from the early 1900's.

In 2007 Duane opened his shop, Small Island Chocolates and Coffee, on the corner of Timmermansgatan and St. Paulsgatan in Södermalm, Stockholm. The shop offers connoisseurs a wide range of fine flavour and high quality chocolate and cocoa products from all over the world, as well as an authentic Caribbean ambience in which to enjoy a good espresso.

The following year he released the special "Cane Tulip" rum glass, a project on which he collaborated with Swedish architect and designer, Catarina Giarimi. It is a beautifully handcrafted glass specifically designed to bring out the best in a good rum.

Faithful to his Tobago roots, Duane had long had a dream to start his own cocoa plantation on the island and a vision to rejuvenate its long dormant cocoa industry. But the way to today's chocolate bar has been long and arduous.

In May 2004, he turned the first sod of rich forest soil in the north-eastern part of the island near Roxborough. It proved to be soil with fantastic properties for growing cocoa. Five years of hard toil and planting have resulted in 12 hectares of cultivated soil and his first chocolate bar "Tobago Cocoa Estate W.I. Ltd. First Harvest 2009" - Tobago's first and only authentic "Single Estate" chocolate bar.
The first Single Estate Chocolate produced in Tobago´s history made from 100% Tobago grown cocoa beans by a Tobagonian!

The plantation estate is situated in a beautiful district of undulating hills and lush rainforest. Duane and his team have led the way as an agro-tourism destination, creating wonderful opportunities for visitors to learn about cocoa and chocolate in the midst of dazzling vegetation that includes cocoa, coffee, bananas, papaya and guava. In this tropical climate the earth produces a rich natural bounty. Complete
culinary package tours, which include a trip to the estate, are available during the winter months.

The European launch took place in December 2009. The Trinidad & Tobago launch took place in January 2010.

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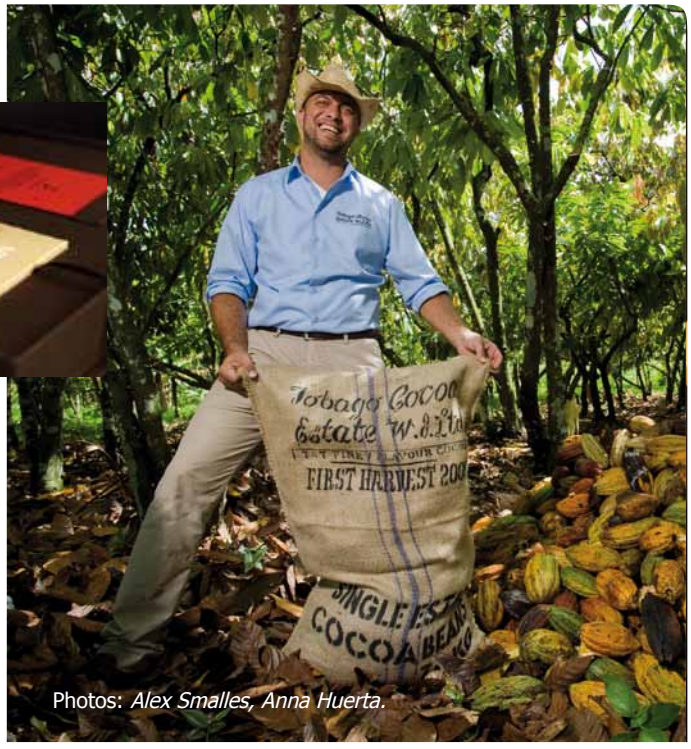

Photos: *Alex Smalles, Anna Huerta.*

Pure Trinidad Rum. Since 1824.

The Trinidad and Tobago High Commission continues to work closely with various Trinidad and Tobago companies in building brand awareness in the UK and Europe.

In November 2009, the High Commission had the privilege of hosting Angostura's Master Distiller Mr. John Georges at the High Commission in London for an evening of rum tasting. Needless to say, there was standing room only at the event.

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Many of you would have heard of Angostura aromatic bitters, however, to those who know, Angostura is just as famous for its unique rums.

The House of Angostura has been in the business of making fine spirits since 1824. That's almost 200 years experience of fermenting, distilling, ageing and blending, which come together to deliver truly smooth rum, quite different from any other rum produced in the Caribbean.

The Angostura name is synonymous with the island of Trinidad and its rums are the only ones available worldwide. They are made from sweet molasses, a by-product of sugar cane, once rampant on the island but now imported from various nearby countries. It is said that the succulent molasses is what makes Angostura's rums unique.

Angostura have captured the essence of Trinidad and Tobago with their award winning range of rums - Angostura Reserva and Angostura 5 Year Old, available exclusively in Marks & Spencer in the United Kingdom, and their premium aged rums Angostura 1919, available in Oddbins and Waitrose, and Angostura 1824, available in independent specialist retailers nationwide.

Look out for the new Angostura 7 Year Old which will be launched nationwide later this year.

Awards:

The Spirits Business Rum Masters 2010

Angostura 1824
Gold Medal

Angostura 5 Year Old (Anejo)
Gold Medal

Angostura Reserva
Gold Medal

Angostura 7 Year Old (Gran Anejo)
Silver Medal

San Francisco World Spirits Competition 2009

Angostura 1824
Best Rum - Double Gold Medal

Angostura 5 Year Old (Anejo)
Double Gold Medal

Angostura 1919
Gold Medal

Angostura 7 Year Old (Gran Anejo
Gold Medal

Angostura Reserva
Bronze Medal

International Spirits Challenge 2009

Angostura 7 Year Old (Gran Anejo
Gold Medal

Angostura 5 Year Old (Anejo)
Silver Medal

Angostura Reserva
Silver Medal

International Spirits Challenge 2009

Angostura 7 Year Old (Gran Anejo)
Gold Medal

Angostura 5 Year Old (Anejo)
Silver Medal

Angostura Reserva
Silver Medal

01: *Angostura's Master Distiller Mr. John Georges addressing nationals in the High Commission.* **02**: *Mr. John Georges.*
03: *Mr. John Georges alongside Commercial Attaché Ms. Dionne Ligoure.*

Photos: *Donald Michael Chambers*

The Spirits Business 2009
Angostura 7 Year Old (Grand Anejo)
Gold Medal

Angostura Reserva
Silver Medal

International Wine & Spirits Competition 2009

Angostura 1824
Gold Medal (Best in Class)

Angostura 7 Year Old (Gran Anejo)
Silver Medal (Best in Class)

Angostura 5 Year Old (Anejo)
Silver Medal (Best in Class)

LOCATIONS

At the moment Angostura Reserva and 5 year old rums are available at select Marks and Spencer locations.

AMERSHAM SIMPLY
AYLESBURY
BANKSIDE SF
BAYSWATER
BECKENHAM
BEXLEYHEATH
BLUEWATER PARK
BOLTON
BOREHAMWOOD SF
BRENT CROSS
BROMLEY
CAMBERLEY
CANARY
CHANCERY LANE
CHESHUNT
COLLIERS WOOD
CROYDON
EALING BROADWAY
HARROW
HEATHROW TERM 5
HOLLOWAY ROAD
HOUNSLOW
ILFORD
KENSINGTON
KEW
KINGS ROAD
KINGSTON
KINGSTON PARK
MARBLE ARCH
MARYLEBONE STATION
MILL HILL
ROMFORD
ST PANCRAS
TEDDINGTON
THURROCK
TOLWORTH
VICTORIA STATION
WHETSTONE

Prime Minister attends Commonwealth Day Celebrations in London

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The Hon. Prime Minister Patrick Manning and Senator the Hon. Hazel Manning, arrived in London on March 7th, 2010 to attend Commonwealth Day Observances held on the following day.

Commonwealth Day was celebrated around the Commonwealth for the purpose of promoting an awareness of global issues, international co-operation and the work of the Commonwealth. This year the Commonwealth chose 'Science, Technology and Society' as the theme for its celebrations.

As Chair-in-office of the Commonwealth, the Hon. Prime Minister delivered an address to the Board of Governors of the Commonwealth, at Marlborough House on the morning of the 8th March, 2010. Also, the Hon. Prime Minister participated in a News Conference along with the President of Rwanda, His Excellency Paul Kagame, whose country was admitted to the Commonwealth, at the 2009 CHOGM held in Trinidad and Tobago, and Secretary General of the Commonwealth His Excellency Kamalesh Sharma.

Later that day a church service was held to mark the occasion at Westminster Abbey, where Her Majesty The Queen delivered The Commonwealth Day Message 2010. In it, Her Majesty said, "The Commonwealth recognises that the best forms of innovation are those that unite and help build resilient

01: Hon. Prime Minister Patrick Manning, President of Rwanda, His Excellency Paul Kagame and Secretary General of the Commonwealth, His Excellency Kamalesh Sharma at the Rwanda flag raising ceromony. **02:** *Hon. Prime Minister Patrick Manning and Senator the Hon. Hazel Manning in the courtyard of Westminister Abbey after the church service.* **03**: *Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Cornwall and His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales arrive for the church service.* **04:** *(5th from left) His Excellency Laleshwa Singh, Chair of the Meeting, Hon. Patrick Manning, Prime Minister and Senator the Hon. Hazel Manning. They are surrounded by High Commissioners and representatives from Caribbean states who attended a lunch meeting at TTHC. (4th from right) Also pictured is Acting High Commissioner for Trinidad and Tobago, Ms. Gail Guy.* **05:** *Her Majesty The Queen standing on the steps of Westminister Abbey after the church service.* **06:** *Hon. Prime Minister Patrick Manning, addressing the members of the media.* **07:** *Trinidad and Tobago's flagbearer, Ms. Christineil Thompson.*

Photos: *Donald Michael Chambers*

partnerships and better societies as a whole."The prayers of various religious faiths namely Roman Catholic, Muslim,Hindu, the Baha'i community, Buddhist, Church of Scotland were delivered by invited representatives.

Among the speakers at the service were Bharathi Prasad founding member of the National Institute of Amateur Radio, Dato Lee Yee Chong Chairman of UNESCO, Lord Robert Winston, Peter Hatfield the current 'UK Young Scientist of the Year' and Gillian Clarke President of Ty Newydd - performed the poem *A Wind from Africa,* a piece commissioned specifically for the occasion.

Music was provided by New Commonwealth voices, the Panache Steel Band and Freddie Kofi and Britgos. There was a procession of Commonwealth flags (carried in order determined by date of membership) through the Abbey with musical accompaniment 'Let there be a change', performed by Freddie Kofi. The flag of Trinidad and Tobago was carried by Ms. Christineil Thompson, a secondary school student who won a trip to London after submitting the winning entry in an essay writing competition run by the National Secretariat for the CHOGM and the Royal Commonwealth Society.

Prime Minister Manning returned to Trinidad and Tobago on March 9th 2010. In his absence Senator the Honourable Dr. Lenny Saith carried out the duties of Prime Minister.

TRADE AND INVESTMENT CONVENTION 2010

The Trade & Investment Convention (TIC) will celebrate its **Eleventh Anniversary** from **19th - 22nd May, 2010** at the Hyatt Regency Trinidad, Port of Spain, Trinidad. The event is hosted by the Trinidad and Tobago Manufacturers' Association (TTMA), and is sponsored by the Telecommunications Services of Trinidad & Tobago (TSTT), Ministry of Trade & Industry (MTI), and First Citizens Bank. TIC will bring together manufacturers, service providers, buyers and distributors, financial institutions and investors, and regulatory agencies responsible for trade.

One of the largest and most influential business-to-business events in the region, TIC is focused on business networking and trade, and includes a tradeshow, a business education programme and multiple networking events. It has proved to be very effective in expanding intra-and extra regional trade, attracting manufacturers, services providers, buyers, distributors, financial institutions and investors.

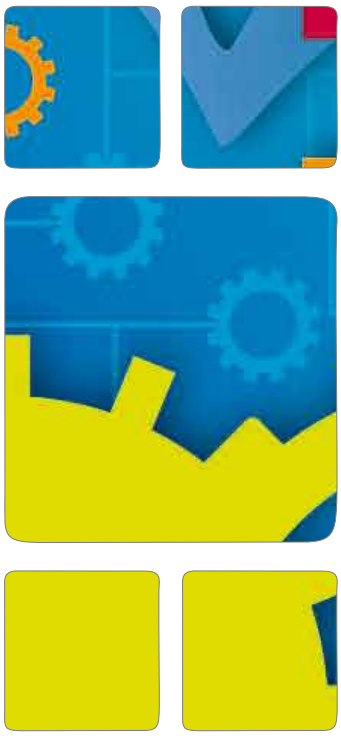
The first three days of TIC - (May 19th - May 21st) are restricted to the business community only (B2B), which allows exhibitors and buyers to focus on business to business transactions. The fourth and last day - (May 22nd) - is open to the public (B2C - Business-to-Consumer) which provides an excellent opportunity for market testing, sampling and research.

EXHIBITORS!

In order to reserve your selected booth this year, a 100% non-refundable deposit is required upon registration. To book your booth now simply log on **http://www.tic-tt.com/exhibitor_registration.asp**, However, only a 100% non-refundable deposit will secure your booth(s) at TIC 2010 and we encourage exhibitors to pay in full upon registration. A 50% non-refundable deposit can also be made but it would only temporarily secure your booth.

As always, demand for prime locations is high and TIC operates on a "First come, First Served" basis, so be quick!

In order to secure your booth(s), a 100% non-refundable payment must accompany a completed registration form or register online **http://www.tic-tt.com/exhibitor_registration.asp** . Please note that the booth is not fully reserved until the account is current and paid in full.



The Price to exhibit covers:

• Set up and breakdown of booth.

• Booth Related Items - Tables, Chairs, 110 Volt Outlets, Spotlights [Quantity varies on booth type].

• Exhibitor Badges and Wrist Bands.

• Exclusive access to our B2B Meeting Services, anautomated online service which allows you to pre-arrange meetings with potential business partners who are already registered as buyers or as exhibitors.

• Access to Past Buyer Databases (2002 – 2009).

• Special airfare and accommodations.

• Access to wireless internet at the convention halls.

• Advertising on Marketing Supplements.

TIC 2010's MATCHMAKING MEETING SERVICE

• If you wish to organize meetings with Exhibitors/Buyers registered to attend the Trade and Investment Convention, please visit our Business to Business Meeting Service at **http://www.tic-tt.com/b2b_what.asp** and proceed with the following steps:

• **STEP 1:** Enter your Username, Password and Registration Type (This will be forwarded to you upon your online registration and confirmation from the TIC Secretariat). Click on "Submit" to enter the Registered Users Area. Be sure to enter the CORRECT username and password. NOTE: The Username is denoted in the lower case and the Password is denoted in the Upper Case.

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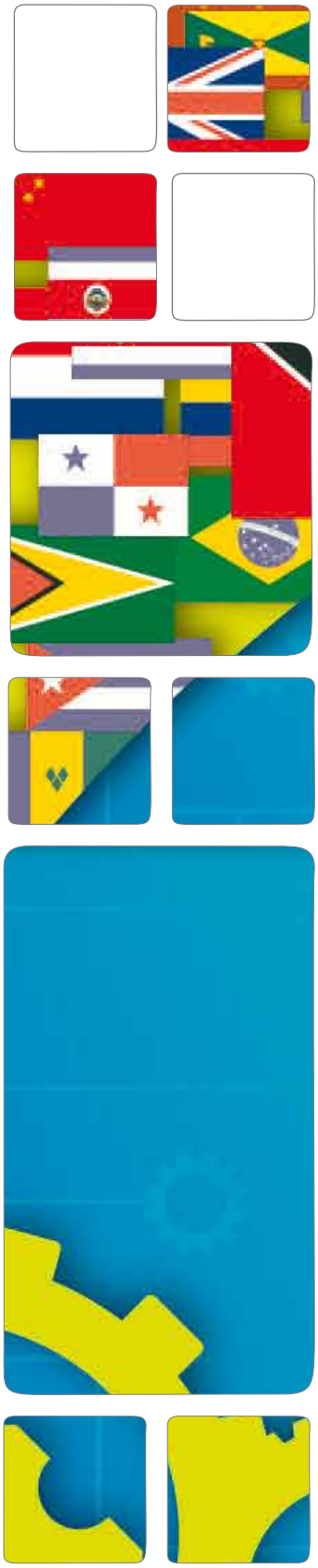

Exhibitors, click on "View All Exhibitors" on the right menu. To set up meetings with Buyers, click on "View All Buyers" on the right menu. In each option, you will be able to search for Exhibitors/Buyers according to their Location OR Business Sector OR Business Activity. Click on "FIND NOW".

• **STEP 3:** You will then be provided with a listing of ALL Exhibitors/Buyers registered for TIC according to the respective category which you have chosen. Search for Companies in Alphabetical order and click on "More" (highlighted in black).

• **STEP 4:** This link will direct you to the Company's Registration Information. Here, you would be able to set up meetings with Exhibitors/Buyers. Be sure to check their "Business Meeting Status". Click on "Set up Meeting". NOTE: Not ALL Exhibitors/Buyers are interested in our Matchmaking Services.

• STEP 5: You will then be required to enter your preferences of "Meeting Time" and "Meeting Table". Before requesting the meeting, please ensure to click on "Check Availability" as Meeting Tables may be already booked. Finally, click on "Request Meeting".

• Your request to set up a meeting with the Exhibitor/Buyer will be sent automatically via an email notification. This will include information regarding the date, time and the table where the meeting will be held. Consequently, companies with which you have requested the meeting would be able to indicate their response by confirming, declining or suggesting an alternative time for meeting (if the meeting time does not correspond with their schedule).

• You can also monitor your schedule of meetings by simply clicking on the Meeting schedule on the right menu when you have logged onto the Registered Users area.

• Please note: The TIC Secretariat cannot adjust appointment meeting times as this is an AUTOMATED ONLINE SERVICE. Participants must liaise directly with meeting partners to change appointment times.

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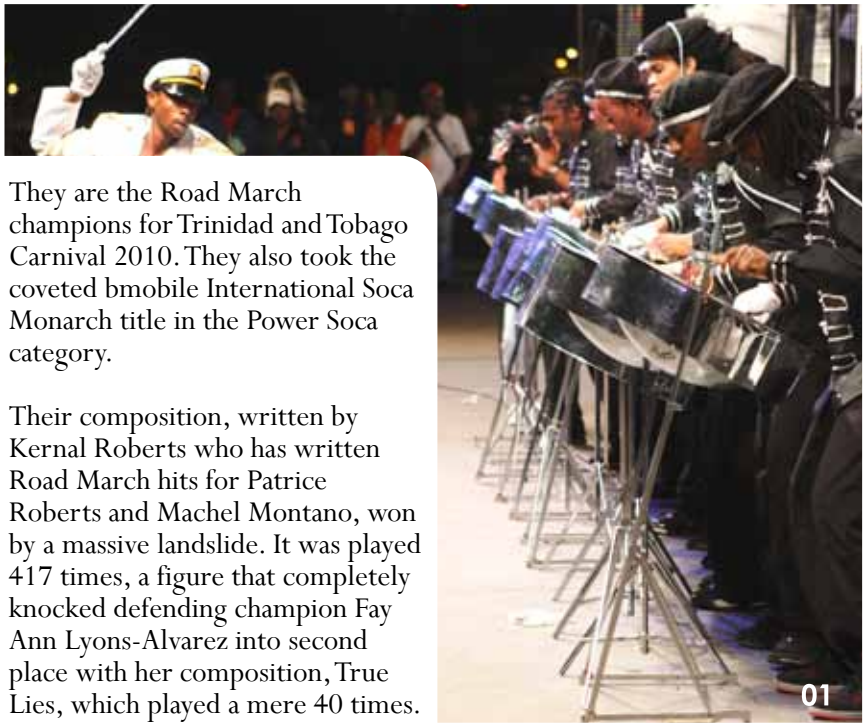
A Landslide for Palance



Jason Williams is fearless when it comes to the stage and entertaining people. So is his partner and "ride or die homie" Blaze, Ancil Isaac II. Together they are fondly known for their extraordinary radio show—the Red Hot Morning Show, where they seem to have created their own vocabulary and perhaps their own dictionary—developing meanings for their infectious "slangs" much to the delight of their listeners.

One such "slang", Palance, not Parlance, is the reason why Jason and Blaze are "liking themselves".

They are the Road March champions for Trinidad and Tobago Carnival 2010. They also took the coveted bmobile International Soca Monarch title in the Power Soca category.

Their composition, written by Kernal Roberts who has written Road March hits for Patrice Roberts and Machel Montano, won by a massive landslide. It was played 417 times, a figure that completely knocked defending champion Fay Ann Lyons-Alvarez into second place with her composition, True Lies, which played a mere 40 times.

Trinidad & Tobago Carnival 2010 Results

01: *PCS Silver Stars performing their winning tune in Panorama.* **02:** *Masquerader from Brian MacFarlane's Band of the Year Resurrection on Carnival Tuesday*

Photos: *Donald Michael Chambers*

Large Conventional

1. PCS Silver Stars, 291

2. Petrotrin Phase II Pan Groove, 284

3. Neal & Massy Trinidad All Stars, 282

Medium Conventional

1 Steel Xplosion, 280

2 Courts Sound Specialists of Laventille, 276.5

3 Katzenjammers, 273

Results Calypso Monarch

1 Kurt Allen - Too Bright

2 Brian London - Ah Calypsonian

3 Winston Scarborough - In A Palace State of Mind

4 Kizzy Ruiz - Aide Haiti

Queens of Carnival

1 Rosemarie Kuru Jagessar - Waka-Nisha - The Sacred Water Bearer

2 Peola Marchan - Red Sails in the Sunset

3 Anra Bobb - Vision of Fantasia

King of Carnival

1 Curtis Eustace - Spirit of Mandingo - an African Legend.

2 Leroy Prieto - The Masquerader Eyo

3 Roland St George - Fantasma

Chinese bring in New Year with Trini-style Carnival

Ebony Orchestra and portrayals from the London Mahogany Mas Band featured in the 15th annual Chinese New Year celebrations "The Year of the Tiger" which was held in Hong Kong between February 12th and 17th, 2010. Ebony played David Rudder's "Calypso Music" while Mahogany's presentation of the "Winter" was a big hit on a damp Sunday night parade at Hong Kong's Cultural Centre. The band was popular among the large crowd which saw the characters depicting several aspects of the Winter season in the United Kingdom as part of the overall programme that featured the four seasons, spring, summer, autumn and winter.

Picture shows: *Mr. Lau, Executive Director of the Hong Kong Tourism Board receiving gifts from Public Affairs Attaché, Mr. Ashton Ford of Trinidad and Tobago High Commission along with Ms. Clary Salandy Leader of the Mahognay Band and Mr. Albert Charles leader of the Ebony Steel Orchestra.*

The parade was described by the Executive Director of the Hong Kong Tourism Board, Mr. Anthony Lau, as one the world's most scintillating spectacles. It was an incredible fusion of eastern and western elements, a procession of fantastic floats, colourful local and international performers, all of which were well received by the spectators. On the international level there were presentations from Korea, Italy, France, Switzerland, Japan, Russia, Belgium, Thailand and the United Kingdom.

The Hong Kong Tourism Board held a reception for the international performing groups and sponsors of the floats at the Prince Restaurant (sic). The guests were informed that the festival, which started 15 years ago, had become the city's home grown tradition. He thanked the international groups for their participation and noted that the festival also enjoys a global reputation as a "must see" event in Hong Kong. Mr. Lau was presented with several gifts from the international groups including Trinidad and Tobago. Mr. Ashton Ford, Public Affairs Attaché at the Trinidad and Tobago High Commission in London presented the Executive Director with a bottle of the internationally famous Angostura Rum 1824, a miniature pan and other items depicting Trinidad and Tobago as the pioneers of Carnival and home of the Steelband and Calypso.

There were other cultural and sporting activities such as fireworks and horse racing throughout Hong Kong. The Notting Hill group made a special presentation at the Wonderful Worlds of Whampa in the town of Hung Hom.

Foriegn Exchange rates for April 2010

	CURRENCY	BUYING	SELLING
	CASH	SIGHT	
Canadian Dollar	5.88000	6.05750	6.37640
European Euro	7.98000	8.31190	8.74940
Japanese Yen	0.00000	0.06640	0.07070
Great British Pound	9.12000	9.49740	9.99730
United States Dollar	6.00000	6.20000	6.37680

T&T and U.K. sign Bilateral Air Services Agreement

The Bilateral Air Services Agreement between the Government of Trinidad and Tobago and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland was signed at the Ministry of Works and Transport Head Office, Port-of-Spain on Tuesday March 16, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. The agreement was signed by both the Honourable Colm Imbert, Minister of Works and Transport and His Excellency Eric Jenkinson, High Commissioner for the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. The Bilateral Air Services Agreement forms the legal framework for the operations of airlines between Trinidad and Tobago and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. It identifies all the regulatory requirements that must be adhered to by airlines of each state. These include the requirements for designation of airlines by each state, the necessary safety and security requirements to be met and it also addresses the framework within which aeronautical authorities of each state would operate. As airlines access this Agreement it will provide increased services to the residents of Trinidad and Tobago to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and vice versa in the movement of tourists, businessmen, professionals and visiting friends and relatives. It also provides the enabling framework for the further development of trade between the two countries.

Above: *His Excellency Eric Jenkinson, High Commissioner to Trinidad and Tobago for the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Hon. Minister Colm Imbert, Minister of Work and Transport and Permanent Secretary Blackman.*

Book launched by new Trinbagonian author

A book launch with a Trini flavour was held on Saturday 23rd January 2010 for new Trinbagonian author, Carol Sammy, at Stanmore in London. Ms. Sammy's book, *Dilemmas of Deokie*, is set in Trinidad and is the Heinemann Caribbean Writers Series novel for 2010.

The High Commission was represented at the launch by Mr Ashton Ford, Public Affairs, Culture and Tourism Attaché, who gave a highly encouraging speech to a mixed audience of West Indians and others living in London. Also present were the Heinemann editors who also spoke, followed by the author herself. There was a strong Trinidadian theme event with live steelpan, soca music and Caribbean food.

The book has been described by Caribbean reviewer Samuel Soyer, as a "stirring exploration of what it means to be sensitive, introspective, patriotic, adolescent and female in the present day Caribbean, permeated by the lure of a materialistic American lifestyle". It will soon be on sale in Trinidad.

Right: *Mr Ashton Ford, Public Affairs, Culture and Tourism Attaché and Trinidadian author Mrs. Carol Sammy*

The Times (UK) Lawyer of the Week
Jessica Learmond-Criqui

If you were fortunate enough to have viewed page 77, of The Times on March 11, 2010, you would have seen one of our daughter's of the soil, Jessica Learmond-Criqui smiling up at you, in the column titled "Lawyer of the Week".

The article came hard on the heels of the much publicised successful outcome of the case for Stephanie Booth (stepmother of Cherie Booth, QC), for whom Jessica acted. It involved Mrs. Booth's ex-employer sacking her as a whistle blower on health and safety issues, which affected vulnerable adults to whom educational services were being provided.

As quoted a few days earlier in the Evening Standard, Jessica said that the judgment "sends a very clear message to employers that they cannot resort to silencing measures against employees who raise legitimate concerns".

Jessica commented that one of the main challenges of this case was that whistle-blowing cases are uncommon. Therefore judicial guidance is not as widely available as that say for unfair dismissal. Therefore, Mrs. Booth, who is planning to stand for Parliament, took a big personal risk as the media exposure would have been considerable.

When asked what she would have chosen to do and why, if she had not become a lawyer, Jessica replied, "a writer". She explained that she is "fascinated by the way a made-up tale can sometimes convey more truths about a real event than the most researched factual accounts".

In addition to giving credit to her husband and practice partner Jeremy Sokel, Jessica also gave credit to her parents, for having had the most influence on her life. A graduate of King's College, London University (LLB (Hons), LLM, MA, AKC), Jessica is also a Hilarian, having attended Bishop Anstey High School and before that, Bishop Anstey Junior School.

June 2006 saw Jessica establishing her own legal practice - Learmond Criqui Sokel LLP specialising in employment and immigration law. In January 2009, Jessica gave a talk at the Trinidad and Tobago High Commission, London in connection with the then changes to certain immigration rules and how they would affect our nationals. To read further about Jessica's talk, you can refer to our newsletter, Volume 40 (January – February 5, 2009) or view the newsletter online: **http://www.tthighcommission.co.uk/newsletters/Jan%2009.pdf**

Jessica qualified first as a barrister in the UK in the 1980s (called to the Bar both in London and in Trinidad & Tobago) and then as a solicitor. She has worked in the field of Employment and Business Immigration law for almost twenty years and has extensive experience dealing with immigration issues, including the areas of work permit, residence and settlement applications and obtaining the appropriate visas for foreign nationals who wish to pursue an economic activity in the UK e.g. businessmen, investors, writers, artists, composers and highly skilled migrant workers. She has also been mentioned in 'Legal 500' as one of the UK's top employment lawyers.

The full "Lawyer of the Week" article can be found at:

http://business.timesonline.co.uk/tol/business/law/article7057439.ece

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